

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/990,961	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LANGE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Mark Eashoo, Ph.D.	<b>Art Unit</b> 1732	

**All Participants:**

(1) Mark Eashoo, Ph.D.

(2) Daniel G. Mackas.
**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 31 March 2004
**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

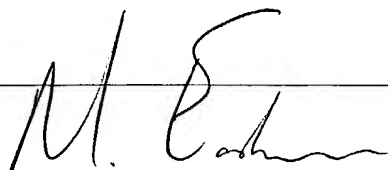
- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**
**Rejection(s) discussed:**
*A possible rejection under 35 USC 112, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> para. was discussed.*
**Claims discussed:**
*all.*
**Prior art documents discussed:**
*that cited.*
**Part II.**
**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**
*See Continuation Sheet*
**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:  
Independent claims 1 and 18 recite heating PTFE to a temperature substantially below the sintering temperature of PTFE to form sintered PTFE. In this case, the breadth of such limitation does not adequately explain how sintering can occur substantially below the sintering temperature. However, adding the actual temperature of heating, 500 F, to claims 1 and 18 along with guidance from the specification overcomes the above rejections.